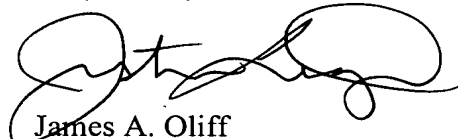


Further, as noted in MPEP §806.04(e), claims themselves are never species. As such, the Election of Species Requirement is improper because it identifies specific claims as species.

Additionally, Applicants note that claims 19, 20, 27 and 28 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed January 24, 2005m and are no longer pending.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
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